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Public campaign to fund library reno

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Niagara Advance

A public campaign has been launched to raise $250,000 to help renovate the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library.

The building now home to the first library of Upper Canada is 16 years old, has had no updates, and doesn't meet the needs of a modern library in 2016, says library CEO Cathy Simpson.

One of the misconceptions she hears from members is that they think the library is much newer than it is, she said.

And libraries have changed enormously in 16 years, becoming community hubs that offer more than books.

The renovation project has been designed by a company called Opening the Book, which originally consulted with libraries to make them run more efficiently. But they soon discovered, from studying the way people move through libraries, that they weren't designed in a way that allowed them to offer the best customer service, and began using that knowledge to design layouts that offer smooth flows and attractive, open and welcoming spaces.

Although the new design gives the library a much more open look, more seating, curved shelving, social areas and flexibility to use spaces, it doesn't reduce the capacity for books, says Simpson.

In addition to new quiet study areas, a new technology centre, space that can be used for shelving or as auditorium seating, a new children's learning centre and an updated teen hub, there will also be technology updates to free staff time for better public service, and shelving and washrooms that meet accessibility standards.

A room for meetings and art displays will also be the new computer lab, with tables and laptops that can be brought out or put away as needed.

"In the planned renovation, the library has recognized the changing needs of the town and will create a unique and adaptable space for patrons with disabilities and limited mobility," said Lord Mayor Pat Darte at the campaign launch at the library.

"In addition to the variety of tools and services, from software and equipment to special collections and a homebound delivery program, accessible shelving will make the physical collection easier to access."

Darte also spoke of remote access, making it possible for those who can't get to the library to still take advantage of the library's cultural and educational offerings.

"In addition to online databases, e-books and digital magazines, the NOTL library has placed Smart Lockers in the St. Davids Fire Station, making it easier for residents of Queenston and St. Davids to access library materials without driving into the Old Town. Plans to expand this service to Glendale are underway."

The renovated library will also have a have a "hands-on maker space," said Darte - a do-it-yourself area where people can gather to create, invent, and learn, including a 3-D printer, tools for creating prototypes and a digital media lab.

"This is why I am passionate about libraries and believe that you as community members are vital to this renovation for support; as advocates and donors. Our library is an essential component of Niagara-on-the-Lake - worth fighting for and worth funding."

The $250,000 goal will not

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The new library floor plan, designed by Opening the Book, will allow for a better flow of people, and more flexible use of space.

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Library renovation 'enhances idea of surprise'

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The $250,000 goal will not completely fund the project, but it's been designed so that parts of it can be phased in, with fundraising to continue as needed, said Simpson.

Donations must be committed by the beginning of September for construction to be underway in January.

There will be opportunities to donate at the Farmers' Market at the Village July 9 and Aug. 13, and this year's Garden Party at the library Aug. 8 and the book sale, Aug. 9 to 14, will be fundraisers for the renovation.

Also Safari Niagara has offered to donate 50 percent of sales from three tribute concerts - Led Zepplin July 9, ACDC July 23 and Pink Floyd Aug. 13.

When the public campaign was officially launched at the end of June, a group wishing to remain anonymous offered $50,000, with another $50,000 in matching donations from non-governmental sources.

The library has also received a capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation of $67,000 to be added to $144,322 from the federal government, and the town is funding $141,600 from its capital reserves as well as $130,000 from development charges.

Peter Kavanagh, author of the Man who Learned to Walk Three Times, his memoir of growing up with polio, spoke at the NOTL Public Library campaign launch about the importance of libraries. Here are his words:

"Germaine Greer, an amazing thinker and writer who I had the pleasure of interviewing, once observed and I cannot help but agree:

"Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit, reminders of order, calm and continuity, lakes of mental energy, neither warm nor cold, light nor dark.... In any library in the world, I am at home, unselfconscious, still and absorbed."

"There is nothing I enjoy more than books, talking about books, reading books, writing books and convincing people to pay more attention to books. Books are one of the vital ways we humans capture, store and share our stories...Stories are the key to who we are and who we will be...as individuals, communities and societies.

"And one of the first places we learn about books is libraries...when I was a child, going to the library once a week and borrowing as many books as the librarian would allow was a true thrill and remains a deeply pleasant memory.

"When I spent a year on my back in a body cast trapped in a room...the books the library sent home were a window back into a world I was temporarily shut away from. The librarians may not have saved my life but they saved my mind.

The lessons I learned as a child were captured succinctly by that classy Canadian science fiction writer Spider Robinson who once wrote: "Librarians are the secret masters of the world. They control information. Don't ever piss one off." And he was right, more than even he perhaps realized.

"As an adult, books and libraries have been at the heart of my work and the centre of my pleasure. At CBC I was the book producer for such shows as Morningside, This Morning and the Sunday Edition. In my spare time I imagined and created Canada Reads. At night I would write book reviews for newspapers and magazines in Canada, the US and the world. And when I traveled one of the first places I would visit in a strange city was the library....The British Library, the Vatican Library. The Library of Congress, the New York Public Library... institutions that reverberate in public consciousness and represent what is the essence of a library....access to knowledge, a place of inspiration and a centre of exchange.

"It is that last point that makes libraries so important. A magical thing about knowledge and intellectual growth is that much of it rests in the accidental discovery. The book you are reading today somehow sends you to a work you've never heard of by an author you are unaware of. The world has suddenly become broader, deeper and more intriguing that you might have imagined possible. That serendipitous leap from one branch to another of the human tree of experience is what makes us grow, makes us better, makes us more alive.

"And yet in our world the accidental discovery when it comes to stories is growing strangely narrower. We would think that in a world where everything is stored online that access to anything would be easier. It is not so. The explosion of the on-line world has resulted in deepening echo chambers where all we encounter is what we already know or believe. We need vehicles and avenues where discovering the unexpected is the norm. And by avenue and vehicles I am imagining something a bit more refreshing, a bit more complicated than a 'you might also like' message or a suggestion based on 'other customers who bought this item also bought'...as complicated and useful as algorithms are none has yet been developed that can quite capture the path to accidental discovery that works for you...for the person standing next to you or for me. Because the manifestation of accidental discovery is to be found in the physical, the real, the thing that captures your eye, that makes you stop. Recent research suggests that books are often chosen after they have been seen...we aren't sure why but it seems to be the case. If we had a lot more time...we might think about what that means in terms of bookstores and online book sales but tonight let's think about accidental discovery in another context.

"That's why this library redesign we are celebrating is so exciting. The new shelving, the new flow of the library emphasizes and enhances the very idea of surprise and the unexpected. In essence it is a concrete manifestation of what we need more of in this world, pathways and windows that lead us to places we never conceived of. Look at the plans, the drawings and just wallow for a moment in what this will mean to the opening of the eyes and minds of people of all ages. What this will mean to the community we share. This library has been at the heart of this community since this community began and the fact that it is redesigning in a way that captures the true needs of our time is so welcome, refreshing and hopeful, in a way the redesign encapsulates a core value of a library.

"Doris Lessing, an incredible writer, who I also had the honour of interviewing, once said:

"With a library you are free, not confined by temporary political climates. It is the most democratic of institutions because no one – but no one at all – can tell you what to read and when and how."

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Two distinct health hubs moving ahead in NOTL

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

It appears there may be not one but two health hubs in the future for Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Developer Anthony Annunziata is moving ahead with an expansion to the Niagara Medical Centre he purchased from Ward Simpson in June, 2015, planning what he calls a "holistic health hub."

It may include the NOTL Family Health Team and the doctors in the group, or it may not, he said.

He is waiting for approval of a site plan agreement with the Town to double the size of his Niagara Stone Road building, bringing it up to 28,000 square feet - more than what the family health team has said it requires, he told town council last week.

The building, once complete, will have enough room for all doctors in the family health team, for physiotherapy, chiropractors, dialysis funded by the Niagara Health System, X-ray and laboratory services, an eye clinic, a pharmacy and a coffee shop, he said, right in the centre of town.

With a wood, glass and stone design providing a unique contemporary look, it will also have a garden and a roof-top terrace, and an open, lower level that will not at all resemble "a dark, dingy basement."

He was at council, he said, not to ask for anything - no approvals, no money - just to update councillors on plans for his building.

This was on the heels of an update at council from the local health care steering committee, which made it clear it is moving forward with its plans to have a new building for a health hub that would put all NOTL Family Health Team doctors under one roof, along with other services, in a not-for-profit building on one of two locations that are currently town-owned property, paid for by infrastructure grants and local fundraising.

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Developer Anthony Anunziata listens to NOTL health care steering committee chair Brenda Jones talk to a group of about 50 people at the community centre about the benefits of a health hub in town.

This is the design for the renovated Niagara Medical Centre on Niagara Stone Road.

There will be a roof-top terrace and a garden terrace behind the renovated Niagara Medical Centre.

Annunziata says he will begin his expansion, which includes almost 60 percent more parking, as soon as he has long-term lease commitments - if not from the doctors now in the building, from other professionals.

He has three tenants now - the family health team has one lease, the doctors another, and the pharmacy the third. Leases for the family health team and doctors will expire at the end of the year.

The rent of the family health team is capped by the province, and he will respect that cap, he said. The doctors and pharmacy are paying a competitive rent, which he would also continue.

He won't have space for a long wish list of services, he says, including the kinds of free space the steering committee is hoping to offer, such as offices for palliative care and Community Care Access Centre staff, who arrange long-term and home care.

The not-for-profit model will require community support, he said, expecting that to include the Town "gifting" the property for the building for the building.

"The fact that it's not-for-profit doesn't mean it's necessarily going to be more efficient. It may be less efficient."

Lord Mayor Pat Darte, who sits on the health care steering committee, says although the two properties singled out for the health hub are town-owned, there has never been any request or talk about them being "handed over."

One of the sites, the property beside the community centre, "is precious land," he said, and the other, the nine acres the town still owns adjacent to the former high school, "is within the green belt. I can't imagine the province will change the rules for us, even for a health hub."

It would be a "slippery slope" to give land away, even for not-for profit health care, he said.

"That would be tough to do, but it's really premature to even talk about. We haven't started those discussions yet."

Brenda Jones, chair of the steering committee moving forward with a health hub, says there is a world of difference between what her group is building and what Annunziata is doing.

"He's a developer of property for profit. We're looking at a not-for-profit, with services that can't afford rental space. I don't see how that (a private development)could possibly work."

She objected to Annuziata's comparison of a local health hub to the Langs Wellness Centre in Cambridge, which was discussed at council and visited by several councillors and town staff. It's a 58,000 square-foot building that includes social, health, educational and recreational services.

"We're not building that exact model," said Jones. "We're building to suit the needs of our residents."

She said it's not necessary for all the doctors to be under one roof - they may all decide on one location collectively, or they can make their decisions individually - "but we still feel we have their support."

"I'd love to have the family health team and doctors in our building," said Annunziata.

"But so far they're not showing a long-term interest. I'm looking for tenants who will sign a five-year lease. This medical centre has existed for quite some time, in a central location, and we intend to move forward regardless."

Brief

York Road fire causes $500,000 in damages

An early morning fire Tuesday has caused about $500,000 to a home on York Road.

Firemen arrived on the scene just after 4:30 a.m., and by 8 a.m. the major part of the blaze was out and firefighters were working on hot spots.

Four stations were called in and 35 firefighters were battling the blaze at the height of the fire, said NOTL Fire Chief Alex Burbidge.

The home on the escarpment, between Sheppard Crescent and the Niagara River Parkway, had working smoke detectors, said Burbidge.

There were three adults at home who smelled smoke and heard the alarms, and no one was hurt.

The fire is another reminder of the importance of having working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, he said - they save lives.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office will be investigating the cause with the NOTL fire department, said Burbidge.

NOTL firefighters battle a blaze on York Road near Sheppard Crescent early Tuesday morning.

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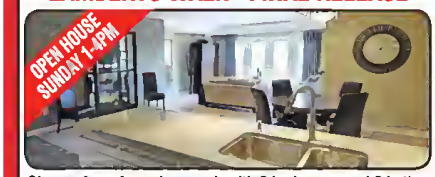

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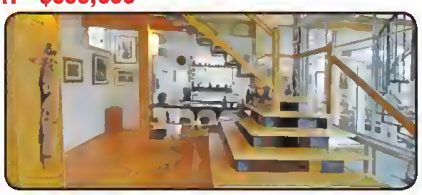
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Point of View

Two directions for NOTL health care

It's been obvious for some time that two separate entities have been moving in opposite directions with differing visions of what health care in Niagara-on-the-Lake could look like.

One councillor referred to it as "the elephant in the room," the fact that two plans are competing with each other to woo doctors and other health care services.

It might just be a matter of who gets there first.

The health care steering committee, formed once news of the NOTL hospital closing was definite, is set on a new, not-for-profit building, designed to offer one-stop shopping for health care that would include a long list of services. It seems almost too good to be true - a health hub designed to offer everything NOTL residents could want.

But it also sounds expensive, and whichever levels of government come through with grants, it will be publicly funded, and will almost certainly require residents opening their pockets to contribute to a fundraising campaign. Whether the Town will be asked or willing to contribute taxpayers' dollars is not yet known - there are many questions yet to be answered, including whether the municipal-owned properties the steering committee has zoned in on will be available, and at what price. And it will not happen over night - it took about 10 years to go from the planning stages of the new community centre to opening its doors.

Also not clear is whether some or all of the services in a not-for-profit would be available to all NOTL residents, or just those who have doctors in the NOTL Family Health Team.

One thing is clear - the private development, an expanded medical centre on Niagara Stone Road, will not be providing all of the services the not-for-profit health hub supporters are hoping for. There will be no room for palliative care or Community Care Access Centre offices. It wouldn't fill the wish list of the health care steering committee.

NOTL doesn't need some of the bells and whistles that other health hubs, such as Langs Wellness Centre in Cambridge, offer - we already have some of those programs in a beautiful new community centre. So the difference may come down to building something to accommodate a few specific services that wouldn't be offered space in a for-profit development.

And so the two entities go off in their own directions, forging ahead, with no talk of compromise or working together - at least not from the steering committee.

Possibly what we will end up with is the best of both worlds, room for all the services under discussion in a not-for-profit environment and enough doctors, both family health team members and others in private practice, that there will be no waiting list and residents may choose their practitioner.

Still sounds too good to be true, and very expensive.

Do you remember?

FROM THE COLLECTION OF JIM SMITH

Two of Niagara's bathing beauties in the late 1940s, Blanche "Babs" Greves - her married name was Mathews, and her best friend, Sylvia Curtis Lavell. They are on the large raft that the Niagara Lions Club always made available for diving. Both women still live in the Old Town.

Letters to the Editor

RENTAL ASSOCIATION WORKINGTO REDUCE LATE-NIGHT PARTYING

Re: "Late Night Partying" (Niagara Advance, June 30) issue:

Five years ago a number of short term rental cottage owners and managers got together to create the NVRA - Niagara-on-the-lake Vacation Rental Association.

Our aim was to establish a code of ethics for our members that would help prevent and control complaints about rental cottages in town. The code of ethics includes a number of important things like - talking to your guest by phone before taking a booking - limiting the number of people to the size of the home -making sure the neighbours know how to contact the cottage owner or manager in case there is a problem and pointing out the noise bylaw and much more.

Our members all have to be licensed and follow our code of ethics. This has worked well and has helped reduce late night noise problems and complaints in the past few years.

However, we have discovered there are a number of seemingly unlicensed cottages operating in town. The NVRA has gone to the trouble of pointing these out to the town. Hopefully they will follow up and fine any unlicensed cottages.

The NVRA.ca and its members are trying hard to make a difference in reducing any "late-night partying"!

Tony Chisholm

MORE FLAGS PLEASE

Every year I so look forward to Canada Day with all it's festivities, food, art, music, and of course, the fireworks.

But, where were the flags?? Why wasn't there one on each of the poles in the downtown corridor of Niagara-On-The-Lake? Oh, a few stores here and there had a flag or two, and here Kevin O'Connor must be acknowledged as a true patriot as he had flags surrounding his home and his business.

I lived in the US for a number of years and am well aware that Canadians do not wear their patriotism on their sleeves like the Americans do. But at least you know it's a monumental holiday there on July 4th as flags are flying with pride everywhere.

Please, next year, let's show our pride by displaying the very flag that honors our country.

Shirley Dudeck

MISTAKEN IDENTITY?

wI received a letter in my mailbox today stating that my dogs were barking for quite some time past 11:00 p.m. on June 23. Unfortunately, the sender would not identify themselves. I would like to know who sent this as we are usually in bed by that time or letting them out for two minutes to do what they need to before bed. You stated that you came by the house and no one was home. Funny, I was at work and my husband was home. Maybe you are mistaking our dogs with someone else. Please next time sign your letter.

Thank you

Sue Gulley
Raiana Drive

Hort tour offers lots to see this Saturday

Not many towns are blessed with two garden tours, but we have two of the best.

Many of you have already been to this year's Shaw Festival Garden Tour, and this coming Saturday, July 9 is the annual Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society's 25th Garden Tour. Twenty-five years is not a long time in the span of things, but those 25 years have seen a resurgence in gardening starting with the comeback of community gardens in the 80s and local beautification gardens in the 90s. Gardening styles have changed somewhat since the first society tour. There was less hard-scaping in most gardens, more annuals, fewer exotics or ornamental grasses and perhaps a more traditional look. We are now more interested in eco-gardening, and helping the three B's: birds, bees and butterflies. With these changes in mind, the hot society decided to highlight some special features in the town to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their tour.

There will be 12 distinctive and impressive gardens in NOTL and in the town of Virgil, plus three special feature gardens in Old Town.

The first of the special feature gardens is the NOTL Public Library Community Garden. The gardens include a demonstration and vegetable garden, a gazebo and sitting area. Native plantings attract birds and butterflies. While you're there, take advantage of the museum volunteer who will talk about the history of NOTL from 1812 to 2012.

The second special feature is the hot society Memorial Garden at the corner of William and Nassau Streets. Lydia Szukis and Lucy Gretzinger were instrumental in developing the project in the 90s, which has gone through several transformations. Recently the society planted 700 tulip bulbs for the 70th anniversary of the Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Gardens. We have also planted 1812 roses, several trees and are attempting a garden in the tulip area. It's a quiet park for contemplation.

The third special feature is the Waterfront Trail and Turntable Garden located at Delatre Street and the Niagara River. Originally a swampy dock area, a local resident in 2007 undertook the rehabilitation of the old locomotive turntable. She uncovered the circle of limestone blocks, and removed rubbish. This guerilla gardener has transformed the area with hydrangeas, hostas, sedum, day lilies and violets and created a shady green island in this quiet residential area. Each of these three areas can be starting points for your tour and Mori Gardens has generously donated gift bags for our visitors.

All of our proceeds go to support the club's activities, enhancing local gardens and schools, flowers for seniors, plant exchanges and speakers. Mori Gardens is our generous presenting Sponsor along with Tree Amigos Landscaping and many other supportive groups. There truly is something for everyone at this tour. Each garden will bave a resident artist or a resident musician, and there will be activity at the three town gardens. Advanced tickets are available on-line for $12 at www.notlhortsociety.com/gardentourhtml.

Tickets on the day of the tour are $15 so there is an incentive to buy early. Tickets can also be bought at the following places:

Mori Gardens Design & Garden Centre, 1709 Niagara Stone Road, NOTL

Seaway Gardens & Farms, 175 Lakeshore Road, NOTL

Chamber of Commerce, Downtown NOTL

There are fabulous door prizes, which are listed on the website. Visit Mori Gardens on the day of the sale for a 10 percent discount this weekend and enter the special quiz for a chance to win a $100 gift certificate. Twelve plus three gardens, prizes and loot. All this and a lovely day spent enjoying the effort of others and getting some new ideas. What more could you ask?

Letter to the Editor

NOISE-MAKERS CAN BE LOCALS OR VISITORS

Re: Late-night partying (Niagara Advance June 30).

My husband Eric and I run a vacation rental management company and we live in town. The company has been in operation for over 12 years, so we've been around long enough to know that noise issues are caused by people, not by the accommodation being provided.

We have listened to town staff, councillors, residents and neighbours about the effects of vacation rentals on our community and like everything, there is good and there is bad, and a whole bunch in between. In efforts to address the issues around the management of vacation rentals and with a focus to be good neighbours, we became founding members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Vacation Rental Association (NVRA).

Since 2012, the NVRA has grown in membership to represent over 45 vacation homes, and we continue to grow each year. Members pledge to abide by the code of conduct which includes being licensed by the town, being courteous neighbours and ensuring that contact information is available to neighbours if there are any concerns about guest behaviour. The website for the association is www.nvra.ca . The community is encouraged to reach out to the NVRA if they have concerns about vacation rentals in their neighbourhoods, we want to be part of the solution.

Tourism is part of living in this town, and tolerance, if not acceptance, of visitors is a must if we want to enjoy the benefits of being a top tourist destination in Canada. We are all given the opportunity to be ambassadors for our community each time we interact with a visitor and getting your point across with courtesy and dignity is usually positively rewarded.

In the years since we began operations, we've honestly have had very little issue with behaviour of guests. We make sure we always talk to guests before booking, often several times, to make sure that we have guests that will allow the neighbours, vacation rental home owners, and vacation rental managers have a peaceful night's sleep.

We refuse bookings that have the potential to be a nuisance, i.e.: parties for bridal showers; bachelor parties; more guests than we have beds for; etc.

People making noise can be residents or visitors to our community. We agree with the town staff that it is time for stronger enforcement. This strategy must be applied fairly to all instances of noise that breaks bylaws. Everyone in town deserves a peaceful night's sleep and the right to quiet enjoyment of their property by adhering to the town's bylaws.

Janet Trodgon

Garden of the Week

This grand Victorian home (only built 12 years ago) is surrounded by roses in the garden of Dail Koopman and her sister, Ruth Dowsett. We found Ruth and her daughter, Alexis busily pruning the roses at 116 Gate St. while tourists admired and took photos of the garden's splendor. Garden of the Week is sponsored by the Advance, NOTL Horticultural Society and Communities in Bloom, You are welcome to nominate yours, a friend's, neighbour's or any exceptional garden you find by emailing lkulchar@notl.org.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society ESTABLISHED 1917

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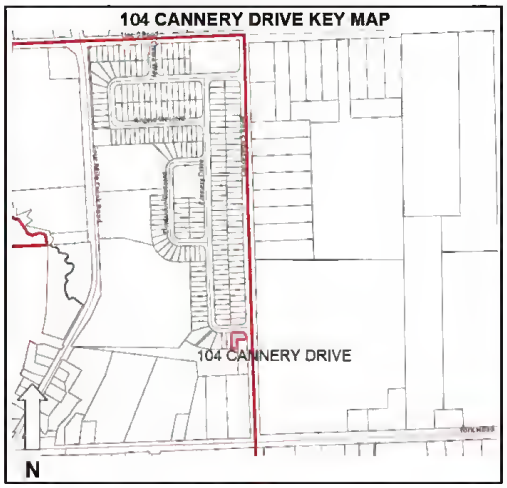
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

104 Cannery Drive,
Minor Variance Application A-16/16



Description of the Land and Purpose and Effect of the Application:

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1. Minimum rear yard setback from 7.6 metres, as required in the Zoning By-law, to 1.25 metres for the proposed single detached dwelling.

PUBLIC HEARING

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Municipal Offices
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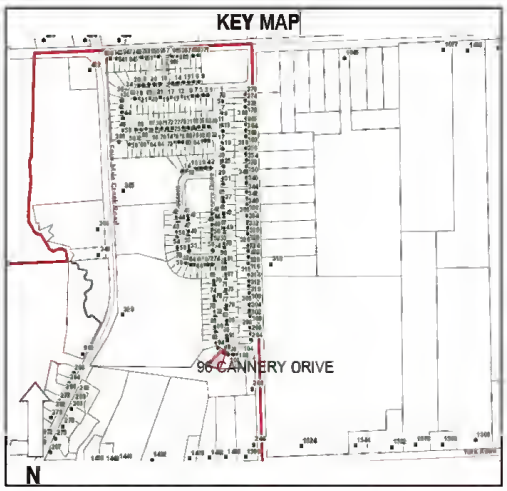
96 Cannery Drive,
Minor Variance Application A-17/16



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1. To permit the proposed semi-detached dwelling.
2. Minimum easterly interior side yard setback from 1.2 metres as required in the Zoning Bylaw, to 0 metres for the proposed semi-detached dwelling.
3. Minimum setback from easterly interior property line from 1.0 metres as required in the Zoning Bylaw, to 0 metres for the proposed driveway.

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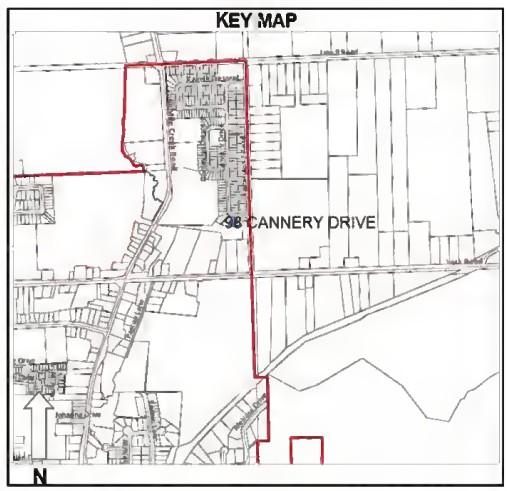
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

98 Cannery Drive,
Minor Variance Application A-18/16



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1. To permit the proposed semi-detached dwelling.
2. Minimum westerly interior side yard setback from 1.2 metres as required in the Zoning Bylaw, to 0 metres for the proposed semi-detached dwelling.
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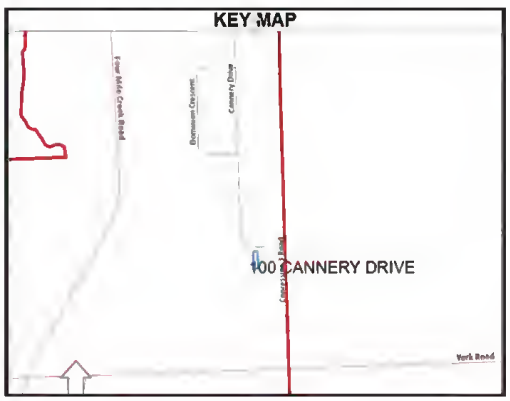
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

100 Cannery Drive, Minor Variance Application A-19/16



Description of the Land and Purpose and Effect of the Application:

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1. To permit the proposed semi-detached dwelling.
2. Minimum easterly interior side yard setback from 1.2 metres as required in the Zoning Bylaw, to 0 metres for the proposed semi-detached dwelling.
3. Minimum setback from easterly interior property line from 1.0 metres as required in the Zoning Bylaw, to 0 metres for the proposed driveway.

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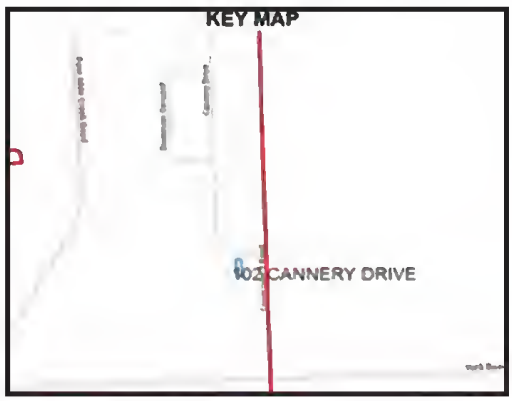
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

102 Cannery Drive, Minor Variance Application A-20/16



Description of the Land and Purpose and Effect of the Application:

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1. To permit the proposed semi-detached dwelling.
2. Minimum westerly interior side yard setback from 1.2 metres as required in the Zoning Bylaw, to 0 metres for the proposed semi-detached dwelling.
3. Minimum setback from westerly interior property line from 1.0 metres as required in the Zoning Bylaw, to 0 metres for the proposed driveway.

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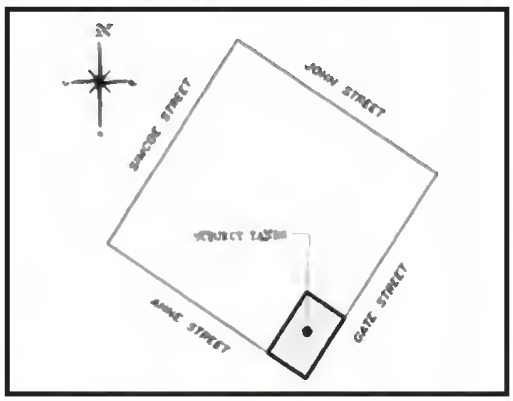
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

539 Gate Street, Minor Variance Application A-21/16



Description of the Land and Purpose and Effect of the Application:

The subject land is known municipally as 539 GATE STREET, lying north of Anne Street, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The applicant proposes to construct a single detached dwelling on the subject lot. To accommodate the proposal variances are requested for property zoned "Old Town Community Zoning District – Established Residential (ER-70)" as follows:

1. Maximum lot coverage from 35% as permitted in the Zoning By-law, to 37.6% for the proposed single detached dwelling.
2. Minimum front yard setback from 6.0 metres as required in the Zoning Bylaw, to 5.35 metres for the covered front porch section of the proposed single detached dwelling.

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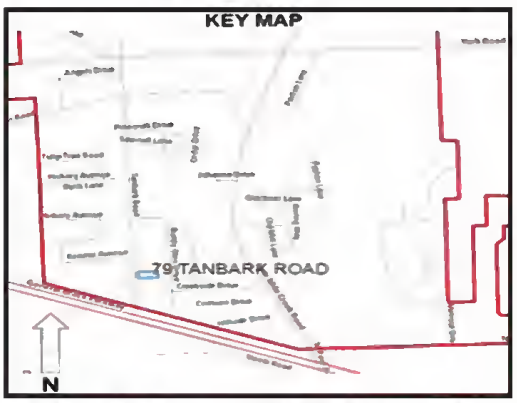
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

79 Tanbark Road, Minor Variance Application A-22/16



Description of the Land and Purpose and Effect of the Application:

The subject land is known municipally as 79 TANBARK ROAD, lying south of Apricot Glen Drive, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The applicant proposes to a single detached dwelling on the subject lot. To accommodate the proposal variances are requested for property zoned "St. Davids Community Zoning District –Residential (R1-5)" as follows:

1. Maximum lot coverage from 15% as permitted in the Zoning By-law, to 22.2% for the proposed single detached dwelling.
2. Minimum front yard setback from 7.62 metres as required in the Zoning Bylaw, to 7.42 metres for the front covered porch section of the proposed single detached dwelling.
3. Maximum building height from 10.0 metres as permitted in the Zoning Bylaw, to 14.1 metres for the proposed single detached dwelling.
4. Maximum driveway width from 6.0 metres as permitted in the Zoning Bylaw, to 7.5 metres for the proposed upper driveway.

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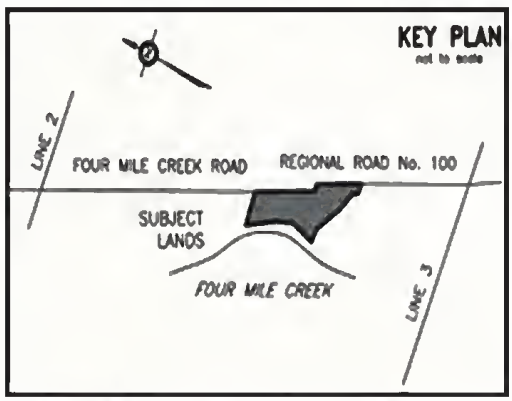
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

1424 Four Mile Creek Road, Consent Application B-20/16



Description of the Land and Purpose and Effect of the Application:

The part to be severed, shown as Part 2 on the application drawing, has frontage on the west side of Four Mile Creek Road, south of Line 2 Road, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Application is made for consent to convey and to mortgage or charge Part 2, which is to be merged with the adjacent property shown as Part 3, known municipally as 1448 Four Mile Creek Road, for rural residential use. Part 1, with a dwelling, a garage and a shed, known municipally as 1424 Four Mile Creek Road, is to be retained for rural residential (non-farm rural) use.

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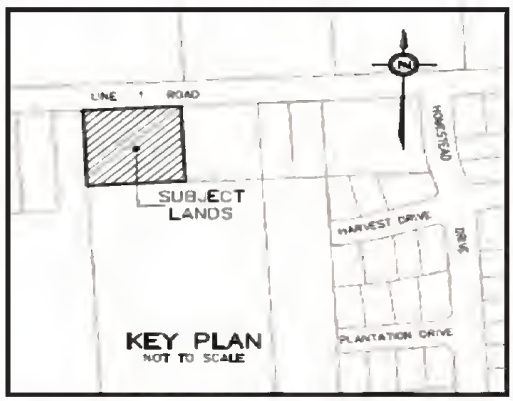
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

459 Line 1 Road, Consent Applications B-21/16 & B-22-16



Description of the Land and Purpose and Effect of the Application:

The parts to be severed, shown as Part 3 and Part 2 on the application drawing, have frontage on the south side of Line 1 Road, west of Homestead Drive, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Application is made for consent as follows:

B-21/16 - to convey Part 3 for residential use.

B-22/16 - to convey Part 2 for residential use.

Part 1, with a dwelling, known municipally as 459 Line 1 Road, is to be retained for residential use.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: **Thursday, JULY 21, 2016**
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The subject land is the subject of an application under the Planning Act for a zoning by-law amendment, file: 459 Line 1 Road.

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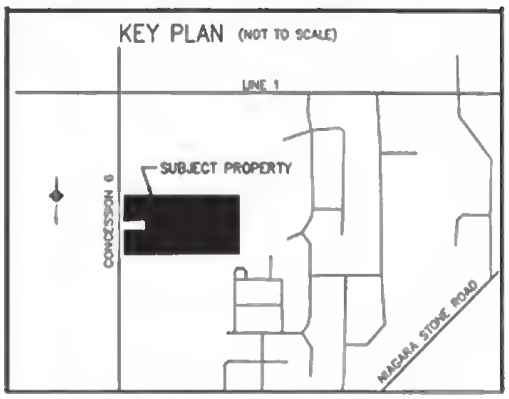
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

1585 Concession 6 Road, Consent Application B-23/16



Description of the Land and Purpose and Effect of the Application:

The subject land is known municipally as 1585 Concession 6 Road, lying south of Line 1 Road, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The part to be severed is shown on the application drawing as Part 2 and Part 3 and the part to be granted easement over is Part 2. Part 2 and Part 3 are an interior parcel on the east side of the 1585 Concession 6 Road property, south of Line 1 Road, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Application is made for consent as follows:

- To convey Part 2 and Part 3, which is to be merged with the adjacent property, shown as Part 4, known municipally as 1563 Concession 6 Road, for agricultural and easement use.
- To grant easement for septic system purposes over Part 2 in favour of 1575 Concession 6 Road.

Part 1, with a dwelling, a shed and a pool house known municipally as 1585 Concession 6 Road, is to be retained for residential and easement use.

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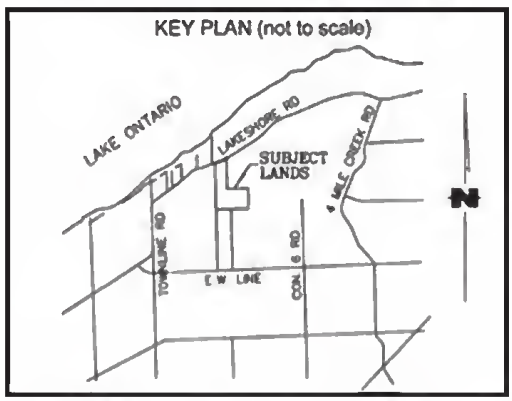
931 Lakeshore Road, Consent Application B-24/16



Description of the Land and Purpose and Effect of the Application:

The part to be severed, shown as Part 3 on the application drawing, is an interior parcel on the south side of the 931 Lakeshore Road property, west of Four Mile Creek Road, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Application is made for consent to convey Part 3, which is to be merged with the adjacent property shown as Part 1, known municipally as 911 Lakeshore Road, for agricultural use. Part 2, with a dwelling, a garage and a storage shed, known municipally as 931 Lakeshore Road, is to be retained for residential use.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: **Thursday, JULY 21, 2016**
Time: **7:00 p.m.**
Place: **Council Chambers**
Municipal Offices
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
1593 Four Mile Creek Road
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information regarding the application will be available to the public for inspection at the Community & Development Services Department during regular office hours and may be viewed on the Town website, www.notl.org. Please contact Cathy Macdonald, Secretary-Treasurer Committee of Adjustment 905-468-3266 ext. 246, cmacdonald@notl.org.

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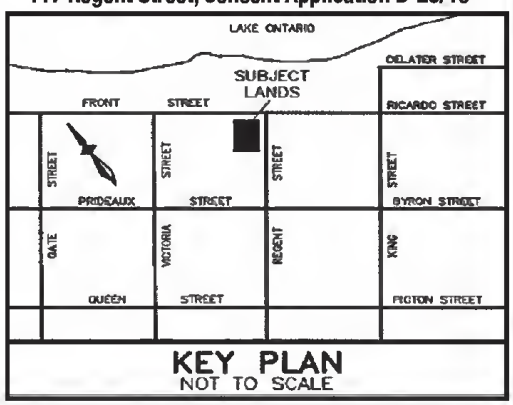
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

117 Regent Street, Consent Application B-25/16



Description of the Land and Purpose and Effect of the Application:

The part to be severed, shown as Part 2 on the application drawing, has frontage on the west side of Regent Street, south of Front Street North, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Application is made for consent to convey Part 2 for residential use. Part 1, with a dwelling and a garage, known municipally as 117 Regent Street, is to be retained for residential use.

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The subject land is the subject of an application under the Planning Act for a zoning by-law amendment, file: 117 Regent Street.

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The program commences on June 9, 2016, weather permitting and continues to October 10, 2016.

For further information contact J.B. Hopkins, Parks Supervisor at 905-468-3266 ext. 266. Collect calls will be accepted from individuals calling long distance.

PLANNING ACT. R.S.O. (1990)
NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT BY THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake passed By law No. 4316BZ-16 on the 27th day of June, 2016 under Section 34 of the Ontario Planning Act, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake not later than the 26th day of July, 2016 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and reasons in support of the objection along with the required fee.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF BY-LAW NO. 4316BZ-16

By-law No. 4316BZ-16 provides general technical amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 4316-09, as amended that are administrative changes, provide for corrections to typographical errors and correct omissions in both the text and schedules. The proposed changes are minor in nature and will not change the purpose and intent of the Zoning By-law.

A copy of By-law No. 4316BZ-16 is available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, Municipal Offices, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submission at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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GO will bring growth to NOTL, says mayor

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

The recent announcement of year-round weekday GO train service to Niagara is good news for Niagara-on-the-Lake, says Lord Mayor Pat Darte.

GO trains are expected to reach Grimsby by 2021, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls by 2023.

The announcement was made last week by Ontario Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca at the St. Catharines train station, with politicians from across the region, including Lord Mayor Pat Darte, present.

"I keep hearing from residents that they really want GO service. I hope they use it as much as they say they will," Darte said.

It will be good for NOTL in many ways, he said: economic development, tropism, residential growth, and employment.

"Hopefully it will help attract new young families to town, who work in places like Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville and even Toronto," he said.

"They can maybe work from home a day or two, and they can work while they're on the train. They won't be stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic, so commuting won't be so much of an issue."

Work is proceeding on turning the pilot project for intermunicipal transportation into an effective, permanent system, he said, and in NOTL, town staff will be working on ways to get people to the GO stations. That could be a hub at Niagara College or the Glendale outlet mall, or a different solution.

"We've got lots of time to put together something that works."

The town has the infrastructure in place with its existing transit system, he said.

"It's set up loosely enough that we'll be able to modify it pretty easily."

While there has been some talk about the length of time it's going to take to get the system running to Niagara Falls and St. Catharines, there is a lot of work to do before then, including the extra tracks that are necessary.

There has been some discussion that it could move along faster, especially if Niagara is able to win a bid for the Canada Games in 2021 - the Niagara Region is one of four communities that have stated their intent to bid for the games.

"A successful bid for the games might speed up the process," he said.

Wayne Gates, MPP for Niagara Falls, NOTL and Fort Erie, said he was happy to hear the announcement of a commitment to bring GO to the Falls, but he has raised his concerns about the timing with Del Duca.

"I told him I am not willing to wait until 2023," said Gates. "I committed to work with the minister to see this project completed, but I let him know I'm not going to stop pushing for a better timeline. The GO train must come to Niagara Falls before 2023."

BOB TYMCZYSZYN/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Ontario Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca was joined by St. Catharines MP Jim Bradley at the St. Catharines train station to announce the expansion of GO train service into the Niagara Region last week.

The Niagara GO rail extension, subject to a final agreement with CN Rail, will operate on 60 kilometres of track between the future Confederation station in Hamilton — for which construction begins next year and will be completed in 2019 — and Niagara Falls.

It will include construction of a new station at Casablanca Boulevard in Grimsby, as well as upgrades to existing train stations in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

Those retrofits will begin as soon as summer 2017, Del Duca said.

Gates says the announcement would mean the GO train would not arrive for another two election cycles. However, he did acknowledge the fact that some of the station repairs will begin in 2017—whicb will be great for local jobs.

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A number of factors could expedite timetable for completion

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"We have local people here in Niagara who need work. This is a project that can and should put local people back to work – the sooner we get the shovels in the ground the better it is for working families here in Niagara."

In addition to the new and upgraded rail stations, the expansion will require a number of infrastructure improvements, including 30 kilometres of new track, existing track upgrades, a new layover facility in Niagara Falls and new additions to the fleet of trains.

Metrolinx is leading talks with CN, the owners of the rail corridor between Hamilton and Niagara Falls, to determine infrastructure needs and service levels, Del Duca said.

"If, as a result of this important process, work can progress faster, it will," Del Duca said.

"I want to be clear about this. The funding is there. Our government's desire is there and we will deliver on this project."

The minister declined to comment on the expansion's overall cost, citing ongoing negotiations with CN, but said the community will be updated once negotiations are complete.

Del Duca said discussions with CN, which also include details of exact ride times and number of Niagara trains, are going "very well" with a finalized agreement expected in the near future.

Service will take place in the morning and afternoon at minimum to start.

The announcement was a proud moment for Regional Chairman Alan Caslin.

"Congratulations Niagara, we've finally done it," he told the crowd of supporters.

He outlined the hard work taken on by local, provincial and federal leaders, as well as staff, to make the GO dream a reality and credited all involved for their efforts.

"Regional council has been behind this project for years and made sound decisions to invest the resources needed to develop a strong business case," Caslin said.

"Strengthening our connection to and from the GTHA (Greater Toronto Hamilton Area) enhances our ability to attract new people to Niagara, create new opportunities for job creation and business expansion," Caslin said. He estimated GO will provide an annual economic impact of about $195 million to the region.

"When you think about students, when you think about commuters going back and forth to work, when you think about tourists coming down to Niagara, all of this is now possible with the service that's going to be available to them on a daily basis," he said. "The impact to Niagara is going to be huge."

Caslin said he felt the timeline provided by the province follows logical steps given the work taking place in Hamilton, and was satisfied with a commitment from Del Duca that the process will be expedited if possible and pleased that upgrades to existing stations will begin next year.

"We will be ready," he said, adding transit will be up and running not only in the region's three largest cities, but also in its "extended communities."

With files from Maryanne Firth, Postmedia Network

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338 NIAGARA BOULEVARD $1,090,000

Prime Niagara Boulevard location close to water, golf course and downtown. This 3800 square foot home with versatile floor plan has many possibilities including Bed & Breakfast potential. Home offers private owners quarters, 6 bedrooms, 6 ensuite bathrooms, spacious principal rooms, Juliette balconies, gas fireplaces, and double garage with access from main floor foyer. Additional basement rooms are dry walled but not fully finished. Water views from top balcony and mature trees surrounding backyard. MLS N30041362. Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.

19 EVERGREEN LANE $2,600 + UTL

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215 RICARDO STREET #206 $559,000

King's Point - Marina views. This bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo features a spacious centre-hall foyer. The Great Room featuring wall to wall windows, gas fireplace and attached dining area leads out to a private patio. The extra large kitchen in the floorplan provides an optional breakfast nook. MLS 30527276 Marilyn Francis.

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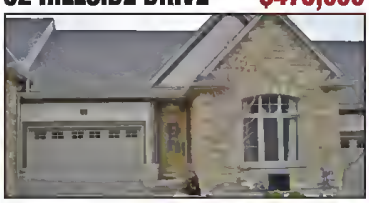

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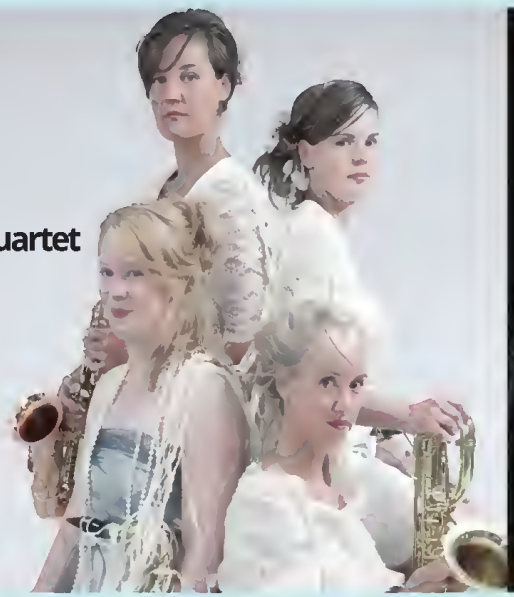

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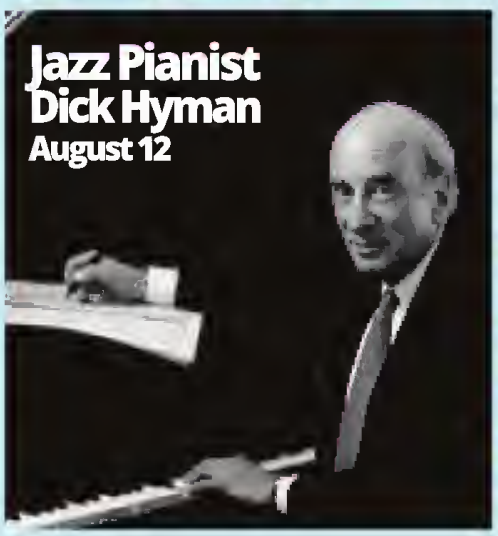

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Senior rides 500 kms in 30 days

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

Patti Brooks wasn't an experienced cyclist when she decided to sign up for the Great Cycle Challenge to raise money for kids fighting childhood cancer.

But she was a grandmother, grateful to have four healthy grandkids, and the cycle challenge format was something she could see herself doing.

The challenge encouraged people to get on their bikes and ride throughout June to fight kids' cancer, setting their own personal target of the kilometers they could ride and the money they could raise.

So Brooks pledged to ride 500 kilometers and raise $500 - spread over 30 days, that seemed not too much of a stretch for the senior, who at 70, is in pretty good shape.

The goal is to have some fun and achieve personal fitness goals while raising money for a good cause.

Brooks accomplished and surpassed her goals, cycling 52 kilometers on June 30 to reach her target, and raising more than $1,200 to fight kids' cancer - including $18 allowance money from two of her grandchildren.

"I almost cried when I saw that. How does that not keep you going?"

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PENNY COLES/NIAGARA ADVANCE

Patti Brooks reached her goal of riding 500 kilometres in 30 days, but not before falling on gravel and requiring 12 stitches in her knee. She had raised more than $1,200 by the end of June to help fight children's cancer, but the Great Cycle Challenge is still accepting donations.

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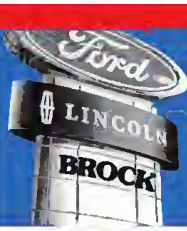

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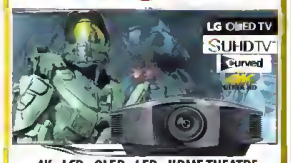

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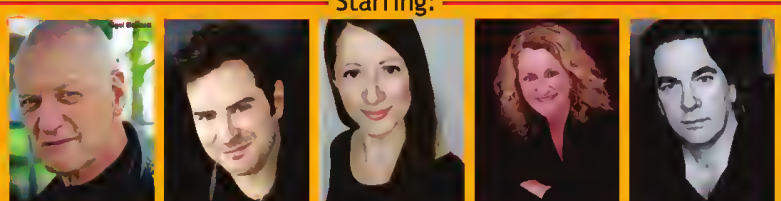

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"I'v gotten so much out of this," she said before starting off on her last day of riding, "mentally, physically and emotionally. It's been quite an experience."

Because of bad weather during the month of June in some areas across the country, slowing down some participants, the dates for reaching cycling and fundraising targets were extended, but Brooks was happy to finish on time - just. Her online site for donations is still open.

The slogan of the challenge is "Kids should be living life, not fighting for it," and that was what really tugged at her heart strings, she said.

"I have four happy, healthy grandchildren, and I have so much to be grateful for. How could I not do this? It just really struck a chord," she said.

It has heen more of a challenge than she expected, with an injury that set her back, although just a few days.

She did her cycling along the Niagara River Parkway Recreational Trail, and one day noticed the road to Smuggler's Cove leading off the trail, deciding to take a look at where it led.

She had no idea how steep it was, and soon after hitting the gravel, lost control and went down.

"I was rescued by a very sweet man with an ATV," she said, who got her to his truck and drove her home.

She ended up with 12 stitches on her knee - after about an hour of having gravel dug out of her knee and leg.

"That night, when the freezing came out, it really hurt," she said

"But I told myself it was nothing compared to what children fighting cancer have to go through."

She rested a day, and then decided it was time to get back on the trail.

Although Brooks looks and feels fit, a year ago, she says she was taking 21 pills a day, mostly for a sore back.

"Now, I'm taking zero, and I feel like a different person."

She discovered Tai Chi and Qi gong, "the mother of Tai Chi," she said, both martial arts intended to improve circulation, balance and alignment, and help restore energy.

A year ago, she wouldn't have thought about cycling 50 kilometers a day.

"I can't tell you how amazing Qi gong has made me feel. I'm calmer, more positive, I have more energy and a better outlook on life. I look at the world differently, in a much more positive way, and I look at people in a more positive way."

She's become more physically active - cycling is part of that - and began taking art lessons at the Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre, where she now has two oil paintings hanging in an exhibit. She's also enjoying pain-free gardening.

In fact, she's so grateful for feeling so good, "I wish I had another life to live - there is so much more to do. It seems the more I do the more I want to do."

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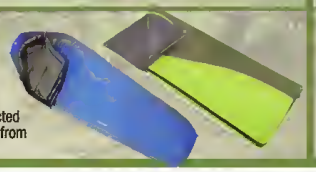

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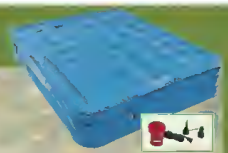

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Visual impairment won't stop local woman from reaching goal

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

When Erica Van de Laar's parents first learned she was visually impaired, they were disappointed to think there were things their five-year-old daughter might never do.

Years later, they have watched her face one challenge after another, including earning a full academic scholarship at Western University, volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters, and graduating from the rigorous university business program on the Dean's Academic Roll of Excellence, keeping an A average and her scholarship while volunteering as a residence assistant.

And she's not finished yet. She has plans to continue her studies and become a lawyer.

But it hasn't been an easy road for Erica or her family.

When she was little, her younger brother Andrew was diagnosed with a deadly disease, and passed away at the age of three. Doctors had discovered a large lesion on his brain they determined was Leigh's Syndrome, and made the connection to the source of Erica's visual difficulties. DNA testing revealed the disease was genetically linked and caused by parents Laura and Chris carrying the same recessive gene, but although there was initially concern her condition would worsen, the lesion that causes Erica's sight impairment remains small and under control, and she is assured hy doctors it should remain stable.

"The doctor told me I'm looking better now than I ever have, and although it's always a possibility that something could change, it looks like it (the lesion) will be stable for the rest of my life, and I'm very thankful for that."

Leigh's Syndrome, explains dad Chris, is a rare neuromuscular disorder which at the time of Andrew's diagnosis was relatively unknown. Most children failed to hit their milestones and most never made it to their first birthday, he said.

But while Andrew was on life support in Hamilton more than 15 years ago, a surgeon at McMaster started Erica, then six, on an experimental cocktail of drugs and vitamins, which she still takes twice daily, and which helps to keep her condition under control.

Chris and Laura were high school sweethearts who met at Denis Morris, married and now live on the family farm in NOTL. Both come from families with no medical concerns. The specialists have said the chances of them finding each other and having two children with this disease was extremely remote, said Chris.

One of Erica's struggles was realizing in high school that she could die of the disease that killed her hrother. She questioned her parents daily, Chris said, as well as her++ health professionals.

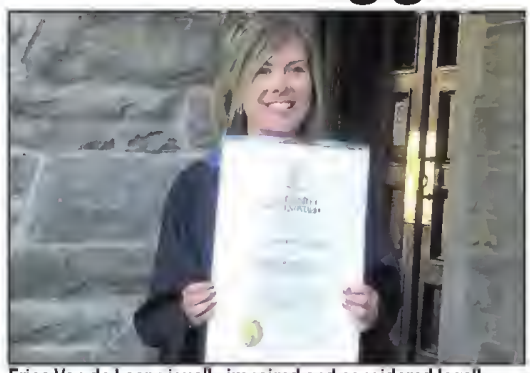
Her parents, after losing one child and thinking they might lose a second, are enormously grateful Erica has remained healthy and as proud as parents can be at what she has accomplished.

And Erica has developed a philosophy that many adults have trouble with - that she would make the most of each day, knowing that there was no guarantee of what the future would bring.

"I try not to let anything stop me. I want to live my life with no regrets, setting my priorities and working towards them. Losing my brother helped me grow as a person, gave me a perspective on life, to live every day as if it's your last."

While her parents did everything they could to help their daughter succeed in school, including reading text books aloud during her high school years, their biggest gift, said Erica, was teaching her to develop her own strategies for learning, encouraging her to try things on her own and helping her build good study habits that remained with her and were so important during university.

Her vision allows her to see shapes ahout two feet in front of her - anything more than that is blurry, she says.



Erica Van de Laar, visually impaired and considered legally blind, graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a business degree, and plans to attend the University of Windsor in September to study law.

She can read in a very large font, and since high school has used a computer program that will enlarge text book print so she can read it.

Most university text books are available in audio, so she can listen to them as well, she says.

In class, she can hear her professors but not see what's being printed on the board, so she has a note-taker to help her - but after class, she has to learn the lesson first hefore tackling her homework.

It takes about three times longer to complete her work than her sighted peers, she says, and although she knows she has a difficult journey ahead of her when she begins her law studies at the University of Windsor this fall, she's committed to success - she sees herself either as a crown attorney, or practising business law.

This summer is ber fourth working at Inniskillin Winery, conducting wine tours and pouring tastings at the bar. On tours, she makes people aware of her disability at the start, joking about it to put people at ease, she says, but behind the bar, she often can conduct a tasting without people realizing she can't see.

"There are challenges. If someone points to something on the menu, I can't read it. And I can't always keep track of people if they move around the bar, and it's really busy. I can't see where they're going," she says.

She credits the staff for doing everything they can to make her job easy for her.

"I think people see how determined I am, and they want to help me."

She knows law school is a challenge for the brightest students who don't have to worry about a disability, but she knows there are successful blind lawyers - not many, she says, but some - and she is determined to be one of them.

"My research told me it's going to be difficult, but possible. But that's like everything - nothing worthwhile comes easily. Challenges are learning opportunities, and with hard work anything is possible."

Sbe tries to live by the words of Mahatma Gandhi: live like you're going to die tomorrow, learn like you're going to live forever."

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Little Free Library in Glendale

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Glendale, a community of Niagara-on-the-Lake sitting by itself on the edge of town, is the perfect location for a Little Free Library, one of more than 25,000 around the world helping to promote a love of reading and a sense of community.

Kathleen and Stephen Clohessy, both avid readers and book lovers, have decided that is one of the goals of their retirement - to make books available in their neighborhood.

And they have lots of books - a collection that is the combination of their pasts, and a reflection of the history that brought them together.

Kathleen grew up in Trinidad, was a business woman who had never married, but has adopted three children. About a dozen years ago, she decided to bring her family to Canada. She knew people in Niagara, liked it, and liked the idea of living in a completely new subdivision, so did some research and bought a house in Niagara-on-the-Green.

She and Stephen had become "pen friends" in the 1990s, when he lived in Britain and was married - she wrote to his wife as well.

After a few years of communicating by pen and paper, she arranged to be in Barbados while he and his wife were holidaying there, and they all became friends.

Fast-forward more than a decade, after having lost touch as pen pals, Stephen was retired, divorced and clearing out his house in England to sell, when he came across Kathleen's business card. He discovered she had left Trinidad, and doing some investigating online learned she had settled in Niagara. He was able to reach out to her on Facebook, resulting in long phone conversations, and then he came to Niagara to visit. Over the course of two years, a January 2016 wedding was planned in Britain, and he came to live in Canada with Kathleen and her two youngest children.

Before their wedding, Kathleen said, they had been researching the Little Free Library concept - they saw their first one when walking through the Old Town - and decided when they got back to Niagara they would build one for their Glendale neighbourhood as a way to find new homes for some of their books and also to encourage others to share their love of reading.

But when they returned, a friend of theirs had already built it for them as a wedding present. It's now on the front lawn of their Wright Crescent home, registered and official.

That makes them part of a movement which began in 2009 by a man in Wisconsin, who built a model of a one-room schoolhouse, filled it with books and put it out in his front yard. It was a tribute to his mother, a former school teacher who loved reading. When the Wisconsin man discovered his friends and neighbours loved it, he kept building them and giving them away, each with a sign that said 'free books'.

That led to a registered company that now has little libraries all over the world, marked on maps for all to find, soon to be joined by the Clohessys' two shelves of books.

The goal of the Little Free Library organization is to promote literacy and the love of reading while building a sense of community, with a "take a book, return a book" policy that offers an opportunity for neighbours to share their favourites.

Anybody can set up their own library for free, using plans available online, or pay for a kit. To register requires buying a sign for a one-time fee and putting the library on the website map.

Kathleen says they have a basement of book shelves, which they've separated into books they can't give away, books they would like to give away, and books about which they are still undecided.

Their little library doesn't hold a lot of books, but that's part of the concept, she says - the content will change continually as people take one and replace it with something different.

They learned quickly how much their idea appeals to the youngsters in their neighbourhood - there bave been several additions and quite a turnover of kids' books, and they both say how much they enjoy seeing kids ride up on their bikes or walk by, stop to take a book and pull a few more out of a backpack to replace it.

For families who live a long way from a library in a town with difficult bus service, they said, their little library could be a real blessing.

It requires a little bit of time for curating, but they can see quickly if a book isn't garnering any interest and replace it. They have a comment book for borrowers to share their feelings or their book preferences, but they've already learned, after filling their two shelves with fiction only, that some readers prefer non-fiction, and have begun to put a small selection of those out as well.

That accomplished, and with time on their hands and an interest in doing some volunteer work, the couple are taking their book-sharing one step further, with a mobile library.

They want it known they have books to spare, and they welcome pbone calls or emails from anyone who likes to read but can't get to a library, such as seniors who don't drive, shut-ins or those in long-term care homes. They will talk to them about what they like to read, and deliver the books themselves. And it gives them an excuse to keep collecting books - they pick them up at garage sales, Kathleen loves nothing better than to spend $10 at Book Depot and come bome witb five new books, and they won't say no if anyone has books to donate.

Learn how to become part of the book-sharing movement at littlefreelibrary.org.

And to have a book delivered, call Kathleen at 905-988-1972, or visit their website at http://www.thebritcanadadians.com.

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Kathleen Clohessy, her husband Stephen Clohessy and her daugher Kimberly Dhannyram keep their eyes on their Little Free Library in Glendales' Niagara-on-the-Green. Adults and children have been exchanging books.

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Once the top of the giant cake, made under the supervision of Catherine O'Donnell of Willow Cakes and Pastries, was lifted off, carving was underway by volunteers, including Lord Mayor Pat Darte, Regional Coun. Gary Burroughs, MP Rob Nicholson, MPP Wayne Gates and Coun. Jim Collard.

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Simcoe Park a beehive of activity

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Kids dance in the bandshell with Juliet Dunn of the Niagara Jazz Festival. She and Peter O'Shea performed Friday afternoon to an appreciate crowd at Simcoe Park.

PENNY COLES/NIAGARA ADVANCE

NOTL Fire Department Captain Peter Gonta was in Simcoe Park on Canada Day with the old Virgil pumper, a 1952 Chevrolet Bickle-Seagrave that has been restored to original condition by Virgil firefighters, to recognize the 200th anniversary of the NOTL Volunteer Fire Department.

PENNY COLES/NIAGARA ADVANCE

Lord Mayor Pat Darte (centre) was at Simcoe Park Canada Day to help cut the cake and also to spend time with his family. With him (clockwise from top left) are his son-in-law Corey Miller; Alex Haubrok and her dad, Darte's nephew Jason Haubrok; Darte's sister Cathy Haubrok; his son Matt Darte; his daughter Caitlin Disher; his daughter Samantha Miller; his granddaughter Adrianna Darte; his grandson Gavin Miller; and Ryan Murphy with his mom Caitlin Murphy, Jason's fiance.

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The festival, presented by Parks Canada, The Niagara Regional Police Pipe & Drum Band & The Friends of Fort George, runs throughout the day from 10 a.m. through to closing, with Celtic music, dance and family activities.

The Tartan Terrors are their own Celtic Invasion, mixing rock's energy with traditional folklore, dance, and humour. With an arsenal featuring classic pipes and fiddle, driving drum tones, and signature guitar styles, standing-room only audiences understand why Dig This Magazine declares "(The Terrors) one act to keep an eye on!"

Following the Tartan Terrors, will be pipe band performances by the Niagara Regional Police Pipe and Drum Band, the Hamilton Police Pipe Band, Toronto Police Pipe Band, as well as several Celtic dance performances.

The event includes a cheer tent, a kids event zone, individual pipe band performances and the mass band, as well as Celtic vendors on-site.

For more information call Fort George at 905-468-6614 or visit www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca.

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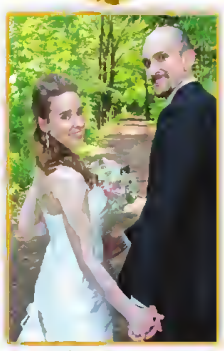

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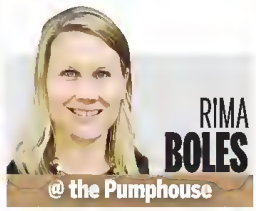

RIMA BOLES @ the Pumphouse

Robert Crosby's Trapped will be on display at the Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre.

During the month of July, The Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre's galleries are featuring Robert Crosby's paintings inspired by the east coast, works by musician and visual artist Viktoras Paukstelis as well as a number or original artworks by pumphouse members and students.

There will be an opening reception for Crosby's solo exhibition this Sunday, July 10, at 2 p.m. He will be present and refreshments will be served.

We are pleased to welcome him back. Crosby, who has previously exhibited at the Pumphouse has also had solo shows at Brantford Arts Block, Art in The Villa, Train Station Art Gallery, Grand River Art Gallery, Blue Dog Gallery, the Glenhyrst Gallery and several juried group sbows. He was born in Sydney, NS and lived in Halifax until moving to Ontario in the early '70s.

Crosby is a graduate from Sir Winston Churchill High School in St. Catharines and completed a degree in Visual Creative Art and Design at Niagara College. He studied under painter and printmaker Ken Cosgrove in the late '70s and early '80s, and we are looking forward to featuring an exhibition of new works by Cosgrove at the Pumphouse next month.

Crosby has been painting in acrylics for the last 25 years and has also developed a passion for photography that allows him to paint from his own photos. He draws inspiration from his east coast roots which is evident in the selection of paintings on display at the Pumphouse featuring boats, fishing villages, waterscapes. According to the artist, his heart still belongs to the East coast and he hopes to retire in Nova Scotia someday and continue his art as a full-time obsession. Painting from his own photographs allows the artist to capture a moment in time and freeze the reflections in water in his east-coast inspired series and metal and glass in his car and truck series.

The exhibition continues until July 31 and will be on display during our 11th annual Art by the Lighthouse, July 30 and 31 featuring 40 professional artists, from across Ontario, exhibiting a wide range of original, hand-crafted works.

The Niagara Pumphouse is excited to present a special exhibition in partnership with Music Niagara, featuring a selection of paintings by artist and musician Paukstelis. Music Niagara's summer festival presents Lithuanian pianist-painter performing on Sunday, July 17 featuring A Recital of Restless Paintings, a unique aural-visual piano recital accompanied by animated images of his own artwork.

From July 4 to 25, you are invited to visit the pumphouse to view a selection of original paintings by Paukstelis. He studied under the great painter Leo Ray, who taught him to explore his individuality through brush strokes. After graduating from the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre, he lived in Paris for a few years searching for inspiration galleries such as the Louvre and is currently studying at the Vilnius Academy of Arts.

We are proud to display a selection of artworks by pumphouse members and students to show visitors the artistic talent present in Niagara. The artwork in our Members' and Students' Show, range in media, subject matter and scale but reflect the variety of classes offered at the pumphouse and the originality of the Pumphouse members and students, on display until July 25.

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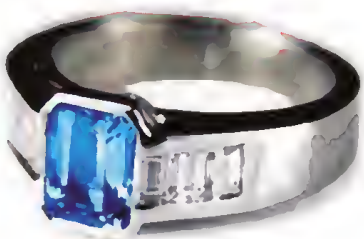

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Final film for Five and Dime museum series Monday

The Five and Dime Film and Music Series comes to a close on Monday, July 11 with Chinese Take-Away.

This multi award-winning Argentinian comedy has nothing to do with Chinese take-out, and everything to do with life's absurdities and coincidences.

Chinese Take-Away was the highest grossing non-US film in Argentina in 2011, and earned five international awards, including best director and best actor.

Written and directed by Sebastián Borensztein, the film revolves around the unlikely comradeship between Roberto, an Argentinian hardware store owner, and Jun, a visiting Chinese man.

Roberto is fixated on order and compliance, when Jun literally falls into his world, bizarrely disrupting his orderly life. Roberto has no choice but to make things right.

The story unfolds in Buenos Aires where these two somewhat damaged men, from opposite sides of the world, find common ground.

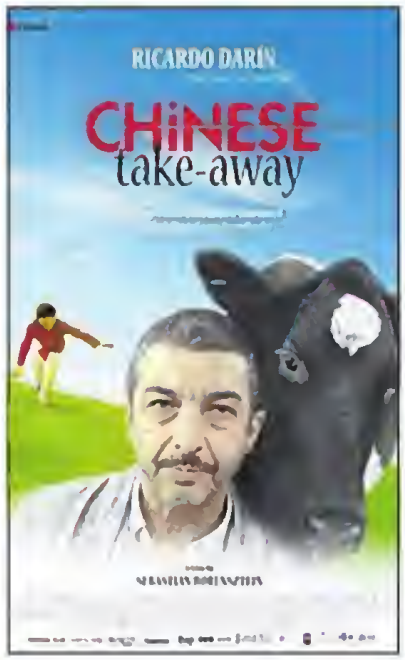
Music, with a distinctly Latino flavour, will be provided this week by Niagara musician Max Holten-Anderson.

The evening is co-sponsored by Brock University professor Maria Del Carmen Suescun Pozas, who will also provide a brief introduction to the movie and a background to Latin American politics.

Take your favourite chair, your own refreshments, and a dime for popcorn (suggested admission is a $5 donation).

Show time is 8:45 p.m., movie time is approximately 9:15 p.m., in the courtyard of the Niagara Historical Museum on Castlereagh Street. And if the weather is temperamental, the videos (and popcorn) move inside.

The Five and Dime Film and Music Series was made possible by a grant from Niagara Region's Investment in Culture.



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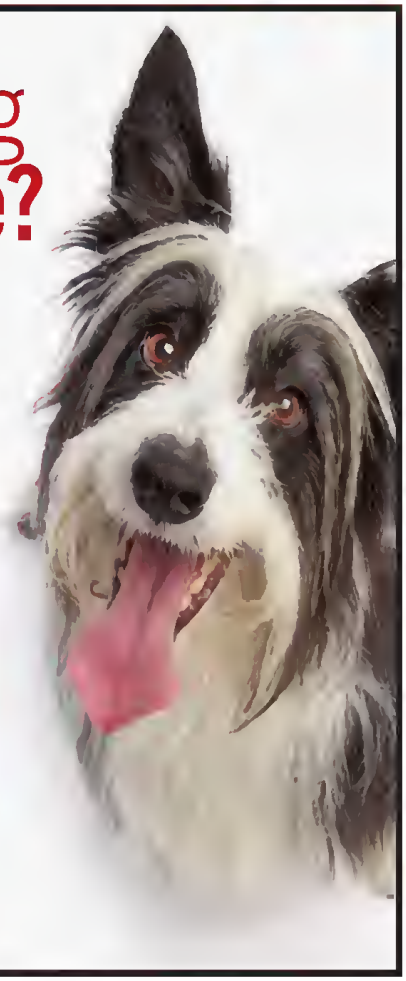

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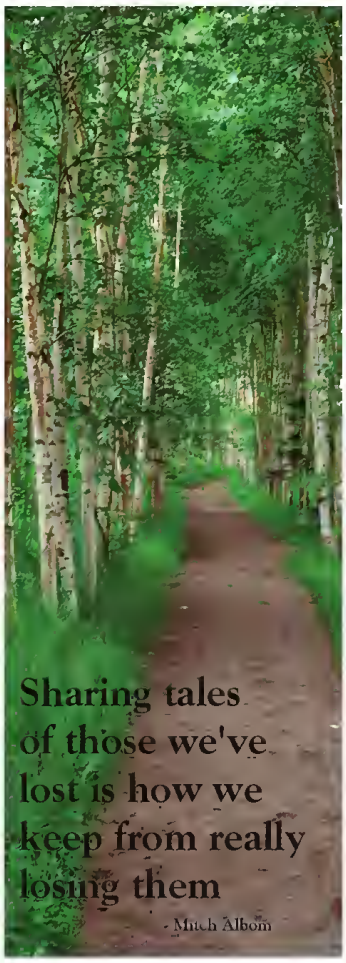

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The Thunderhawks wrapped up the series with game four on the road Saturday night and an 11-10 victory, after peppering 72 shots at the Guelph goalie.

Leading the offence for Niagara were Zach Luis, two goals and two helpers; Ben Austin, one goal and three setups; Everett Milberry, one goal and an assist; Matt Mines and Derek Merza, two assists; and Chris Weier, Dan Willms, Robert McMicking, John Wagner, Kyle Pedwell, Hunter Lemieux and Isaac Vanderzalm, each with goals.

The best of five quarter final pitted two evenly matched teams with three of the games being decided by a goal.

In game one Niagara jumped out to a 6-3 lead after two periods and held on for a 9-7 victory. Luis led all scorers with a five- point game (three goals, two assists) with Lemieux adding a pair of goals and singles going out to McMicking, Ben Austin, Dubuc and Milberry.

Game two in Guelph saw Niagara lose by a goal, 11-10. Lemieux tallied a pair with eight T-Hawks adding singles.

Game three was tied 7-7 after regulation. The first 10-minute overtime remained scoreless. The sudden death second overtime saw Lemieux receive a perfect pass from Dubuc to score one minute into the fifth period for an 8-7 win.

Lemieux scored two more for the hat trick with Luis adding two and Wagner, James Stenzel and Dubuc chipping in a goal apiece.

Goaltender Keelan Buis made a number of great saves, including a penalty shot to secure the win between the pipes.

Niagara will play Windsor in the western division semi-finals starting the weekend of July 9.

Home games will be Tuesday, July 12 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 17 at 7 p.m. at the Meridian Credit Union Arena.

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